

**BOROUGH OF MEDIA  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 18, 2003**

A Public Hearing was held on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hagan, Vice-President Robinson, Councilpersons Gibian, Krull, Whitaker, Alyanakian and Sherwin. Also present were Borough Manager Smith and Solicitor Middlebrooks.

President Hagan called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER – 37 EAST STATE STREET**

Solicitor Middlebrooks summarized the process pertaining to the intramunicipal transfer of a liquor license. Solicitor Middlebrooks explained that a letter of request for the liquor license transfer was received from the tenant of 37 East State Street for the purpose of opening a restaurant and selling alcohol.

President Hagan introduced attorney Robert J. O'Hara who is representing Michael Burke, tenant at 37 East State Street. Mr. O'Hara specifically highlighted section 461.B3, which mentions that only residents are able to comment on the transfer at this Public Hearing. Business owners and schools will have the opportunity to comment after the application is made and the bright orange signs are posted in the window of the property.

Mr. O'Hara mentioned the restaurant, called Quotations, will be a family-type establishment with a 75% food to 25% alcohol ratio. This restaurant will emulate such establishments as Max & Ermas, Bennigans, etc. There will be no bands, amplifiers, juke boxes or happy hour in the new restaurant. There will be a small bar area. Quotations will be a smoke-free restaurant geared towards children and families with approximately 3,000 square feet and the ability to seat 110 customers. The restaurant plans to employ 25 people. Anticipated hours will be as follows: Monday thru Thursday -- 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Friday & Sunday – 11 a.m. – 2 a.m.; Sunday – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Michael Burke, restaurant owner, discussed the menu and his background in restaurant business. He is the manager of Casey's in Malvern and his wife is also a restaurant manager.

Bill Gross, property owner, mentioned the property had been vacant for three (3) years prior to Michael Burke's interest despite the fact it could have been an office, retail or restaurant. Mr. Gross believes the family style restaurant will be a success.

Bill Tyson, 325 N. Edgmont, inquired about how late the kitchen will be open. Mr. Burke responded that the kitchen is expected to close one (1) hour prior to the bar on the weekends and earlier during the week.

Mr. Tyson also inquired about how long the liquor license transfer will stay in effect in the Borough. Mr. O'Hara responded that if the transfer goes through, it will remain in the Borough for a minimum of five (5) years.

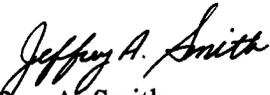
President Hagan recognized Chuck Margis, owner of the Plumstead Restaurant, in the audience and mentioned that Council would not be able to take his comments into consideration during their deliberation since he is not a resident.

Mr. Margis mentioned that Ridley, Eddystone and Springfield have all denied liquor license transfers in the past. Mr. Margis also mentioned that this is the third liquor license transfer into the Borough and he believes Council should deny this application, as it is too close to the school and will have a negative impact on long standing businesses such as his and others.

Mr. O'Hara went on record stating that he is opposed to Mr. Margis making comments during this Public Hearing because he is not a resident of the Borough and he will have the ability to voice his concerns when the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board advertises the application.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary